

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A method of employing a flowable indicator for characterizing skin condition, the method comprising the following steps:

applying the flowable indicator to a desired area of skin, wherein the flowable indicator includes at least one dye which changes in color or color intensity when in solution with at least one substance secreted by human skin, wherein a visual change of color or color intensity in the at least one dye is proportional to the amount of the oil present in solution, and wherein the indicator is reactive with at least one substance found on the skin; wherein activating the flowable indicator is activated in response to through a reaction of the flowable indicator with the at least one substance found on the skin after a period of time to effect a visually discernable change that is a visual change in the color or color intensity of the at least one dye of the flowable indicator; and

comparing the visually discernable change of the activated flowable indicator to a reference to characterize skin condition.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24 and further comprising ~~a step of~~ waiting for the flowable indicator to activate.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25 and further comprising ~~a step of~~ determining if the flowable indicator is activated.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 and further comprising ~~a step of~~ waiting further for the flowable indicator to activate if the user has determined that the flowable indicator is not yet activated.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27 and further comprising ~~a step of~~ determining appropriate cosmetics for use with the characterized skin condition.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24 and further comprising ~~a step of~~ determining appropriate cosmetics for use with the characterized skin condition.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24 and further comprising ~~a step of~~ providing a visual reference for comparison of the visually discernable change of the activated flowable indicator to a standardized reference point to determine skin condition.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30 and further comprising ~~a step of~~ determining appropriate cosmetics for use with the determined skin condition.

32.-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) A method of employing a flowable indicator for characterizing skin condition, the method comprising ~~the following steps~~:

applying the flowable indicator to a desired area of skin, wherein the flowable indicator is reactive with at least one substance ~~secreted by~~ found on the skin so that the flowable indicator changes in color or color intensity in response to exposure to the at least one substance[[:]] and wherein activating the flowable indicator is activated in response to through a reaction of the indicator with the at least one substance ~~found on the skin~~;

waiting for the flowable indicator to activate;

determining if the flowable indicator is activated by determining whether the flowable indicator has changed in color or color intensity; and

comparing the activated flowable indicator to a reference color to characterize skin condition.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35 and further comprising ~~a step of~~ waiting further for the flowable indicator to activate if the user has determined that the flowable indicator is not yet activated.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 36 and further comprising ~~a step of~~ determining appropriate cosmetics for use with the characterized skin condition.

38. (Currently Amended) A method of employing a flowable indicator for characterizing skin condition, the method comprising ~~the following steps~~:

applying the flowable indicator to a desired area of skin, wherein the flowable indicator is reactive with at least one substance secreted by found on the skin so that the flowable indicator changes in color or color intensity in response to exposure to the at least one substance[(:)] and wherein activating the flowable indicator is activated to change color or color intensity in response to through a reaction of the indicator with the at least one substance found on the skin after a period of time;

comparing the activated flowable indicator to a reference color to characterize skin condition; and

determining appropriate cosmetics for use with the characterized skin condition.

39. (Currently Amended) A method of employing ~~a flowable an~~ indicator for characterizing skin condition, the method comprising ~~the following steps~~:

applying the flowable indicator to a desired area of skin, wherein the indicator is reactive with at least one substance secreted by found on the skin so that the indicator changes color or color intensity, wherein; activating the flowable indicator is activated to change color or color intensity in response to through a reaction of the indicator with the at least one substance found on the skin after a period of time;

providing a visual reference color for comparison of the activated flowable indicator to a standardized reference to determine skin condition ~~comparing the activated flowable indicator to the visual reference~~ to characterize skin condition.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31 and further comprising ~~a step of~~
determining appropriate cosmetics for use with the determined skin condition.

41.-50. (Cancelled)